

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1410: Why Is the Book of Enoch NOT in the Bible?

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See:  **CQ.Rewind**
SHOW NOTES

1. Who was Enoch and why was he revered in the Old and New Testaments? Do we know where Enoch was “taken” to? Do we know where he was not “taken” to? (Genesis 5:18-24, Hebrews 11:5, John 3:13)
2. What plausible routes could have led to Jude’s quoting of material that closely matches 1 Enoch 1:9? Should we give as much credence to oral tradition as to textual quotation? (Jude 1:14-15, 1 Enoch 1:9)
3. Canon Criteria #1: Not in the Hebrew Bible – Why would 1 Enoch’s exclusion from the *Tanakh* favor its exclusion from the Christian Bible? How can we explain references that appear in both 1 Enoch and the Bible? (1 Enoch 80:6-8, Jude 1:12-13, Job 38:4,7, Isaiah 14:12, Ezekiel 28:14-16)
4. CC#2 Pseudepigraphal Authorship – When was it written? Why does this cast doubt on its authenticity? Why is the 400-year gap between the end of the Old Testament and beginning of the New, important? (Malachi 4:5-6, Luke 1:11-20)
5. CC#3 Speculative Theology – How do the elaborate angelology, cosmology and apocalyptic visions affect the book’s theological credibility? How does 1 Enoch contrast with the Bible in the correct view of the earth? (Isaiah 40:22, Job 26:7)
6. CC#4 Transmission Gaps – How would a gap in transmission make a manuscript’s authenticity be questionable? Why doesn’t the “Son of Man” title help with 1 Enoch’s authenticity? (1 Enoch 62:7, 69:27, Matthew 25:31-32, Daniel 7:13-14)
7. CC#5 Lack of Widespread Continuous Use – How many Christian communities have accepted 1 Enoch as part of their biblical canon? Compare the number of existing full manuscripts of 1 Enoch with the books that are part of canonized Scripture.
8. Which of the five Canon Criteria (CC#1-5) do you find most persuasive in excluding 1 Enoch from the Bible? How does the evidence support that judgment? (Genesis 5:22,24, Hebrews 11:5)
9. How does “accurately handling the word of truth” look like in my daily study habits? What can I do to personally guard against just following spiritual curiosity and instead focus on studying what I know to be spiritual truth from the Scriptures? (1 Timothy 2:15)